

# PROVIDING INFORMATION TO CRIME VICTIMS AT INITIAL CONTACT

## RELEVANT MINNESOTA STATUTES

**Minnesota Statutes § 611A.02, subd. 2(b):** The initial notice of the rights of crime victims must be distributed by a peace officer to each victim, as defined in section 611A.01, at the time of initial contact with the victim. The notice must inform a victim of:

- (1) the victim's right to apply for reparations to cover losses, not including property losses, resulting from a violent crime and the telephone number to call to request an application;
- (2) the victim's right to request that the law enforcement agency withhold public access to data revealing the victim's identity under section 13.82, subdivision 17, paragraph (d);
- (3) the additional rights of domestic abuse victims as described in section 629.341;
- (4) information on the nearest crime victim assistance program or resource;
- (5) the victim's rights, if an offender is charged, to be informed of and participate in the prosecution process, including the right to request restitution, and
- (6) in homicide cases, information on rights and procedures available under sections 524.2-803, 524.3-614, and 524.3-615.

**Minnesota Statutes § 629.341, subd. 3.** Notice of rights. The peace officer shall tell the victim whether a shelter or other services are available in the community and give the victim immediate notice of the legal rights and remedies available. The notice must include furnishing the victim a copy of the following statement:

"IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you can ask the city or county attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse. The order could include the following:

- (1) an order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse;
- (2) an order directing the abuser to leave your household;
- (3) an order preventing the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment;
- (4) an order awarding you or the other parent custody of or parenting time with your minor child or children; or
- (5) an order directing the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so."

The notice must include the resource listing, including telephone number, for the area battered women's shelter, to be designated by the Department of Corrections.

**Minnesota Statutes § 611A.66** Law enforcement agencies; Duty to inform victims of right to file claim.

All law enforcement agencies investigating crimes shall provide victims with notice of their right to apply for reparations with the telephone number to call to request an application form.